

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 3, 2003

**FROM: BARBARA HALSEY, INTERIM DIRECTOR
JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT RAPID
RESPONSE ACTIVITIES**

RECOMMENDATION: Accept a grant award from the State of California Employment Development Department, in the amount of \$65,603, to fund Workforce Investment Act Rapid Response activities, for the period of October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On July 16, 2002, the Board of Supervisors ratified the action of the Vice-Chairman authorizing submission of a grant application to the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Rapid Response funding, in the amount of \$447,000, for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. JESD received notification that the State has processed a modification to San Bernardino County's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Master Subgrant Agreement for Program Year 2002-03 (R380529), which added WIA 25% Rapid Response By-Application funding, in the amount of \$65,603, to fund Rapid Response activities in the County during the period beginning on October 1, 2002 and ending on June 30, 2003. The Department received the notification letter on April 28, 2003, which precluded approval of this action prior to the October 1, 2002 effective date. The unilateral modification did not require the Board of Supervisor's approval prior to implementation.

Approval of this action will allow the Department to accept the funds from EDD, in the amount of \$65,603, in accordance with County Policy No. 15-03. With Board approval, JESD will use these funds to support countywide activities undertaken in response to layoffs and closures of local businesses, and to ensure a continuity of services that address the needs of employers and dislocated workers within the local workforce investment area. Examples of such services include on-site informational workshops, re-employment training, assistance to labor management committees in identifying strategies to avert layoffs, and Business Resource Centers. JESD staff are preparing a grant application for Rapid Response funding for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2003-04, and will return to the Board to request approval of the application when it is complete.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel (Regina A. Coleman, Deputy County Counsel) on May 19, 2003. This item was reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III) on May 20, 2003.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: This item imposes no local cost. Due to State budget cuts, it was not anticipated that the \$65,603 award would be received, and therefore was not included in the Department's WIA budget. Consequently, JESD's other WIA funding and estimated carry over revenue has decreased for the 2002-03 fiscal year due to State budget cuts. Therefore, the Department's budgeted revenue and appropriations do not need to be adjusted for this grant.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Barbara Halsey, Interim Director, JESD (909-433-3330)

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